

WEST HARTFORD SENIOR CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMISSION

MINUTES

May 16, 2017

Members Present: Noreen Bachteler, Rosemary Cleary, Ray Guenter, Linda Hanson, Robert Kennedy, Ruth Kurien, Ellen Phillips, Donna Sterling
Members Absent: Philip Walker
Staff Present: Kathleen Faroni, Gina Marino, Keren Paquette
Guests: Kevin Farmer, Charles Woolsey

Commission member Robert Kennedy chaired the meeting in the absence of Chairman Philip Walker. Kennedy called the meeting to order at 10:00AM.

The Minutes of the April 18, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously.

Chairman's Report

No report.

Presentation

Donna Sterling introduced Thomas J. Van Hoof, MD, EdD, Associate Professor at UConn, who presented on Application of Learning Science to Teaching Learning in the Health Professions.

The link to the presentation is:

<http://nursing.uconn.edu/about-the-school/faculty-staff/faculty-directory/faculty-van-hoof/thomas-j-van-hoof-learning-science-strategies-series-links-to-modules/>

“Learning means acquiring knowledge and skills and having them readily available from memory so you can make sense of future problems and opportunities.” The basic steps of learning are encoding [short term], consolidating [long term] and retrieval. There are four strategies: distributed leaning (practice); retrieval practice (recall, testing); interleaving (review); elaboration (varying).

Town Council

No report

Social Services Department

Keren Paquette reported that there have been 50 new cases since April 1, averaging 35 a month now with a focus on utility issues. Energy Assistance served 900 clients; Operation Fuel served 63 clients; The Town that Cares served 24. Keren shared the new brochure, “My Medication, My Community” that was prepared by an intern. Office hours for Social Workers will start the week of May 22. Rental Rebate appointments are available at Town Hall, both Senior Centers and at the housing centers. Farmers’ Market coupons will be available in late June and are based on income and age.. Celebrate West Hartford is June 10 ad 11.

Transportation

Kevin Farmer reported that he attends the Chamber of Commerce gatherings on Friday mornings and can do a 60 second presentation on ITN. He will be speaking at the July24th meeting of the West Hartford Rotary. The purpose of his presentations is to find new drivers between the ages of 30 and 70.

Seniors Job Bank

No report.

Senior Centers

Reports are attached.

Old Business

Noreen Bachteler handed out the flyers for the special program on May 18 which will feature information about the Commission and a musical presentation by Northwest student.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 10:00am.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Lynn Silverman
Volunteer Recording Secretary